



President's Message



Greetings to All!

Library advocacy in these budget slashing days has taken on an increased importance, as patrons are increasingly using public library resources to better their employment or simply to find that elusive position that will pay the bills. The local advocacy group has been very effective in stemming the flood of calls for cuts. We all should put a shout out for their very worthy efforts.

Yet, more calls for cuts and alternative methods of management have been proposed. LAB could have a supporting role in the effort to keep our public libraries as whole as is possible, inasmuch as we, as a group in agreement with each other, might decide to take an "official" stance on the issues that can have such devastating effects on our shared community. Or our support could be as simple as writing to our county commissioners in support of stable funding.

While I am now an academic librarian, I have been in the public library trenches, and I can say that public librarians have an incredibly important role to play, as well as an increasingly difficult job to get done.

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I hope each of us can take just a small amount of time out of our ridiculously busy lives to both acknowledge the fine job done, in addition to considering what we can do, both individually and as a group.

Regards,

Rick
Richard Shea
President,
Library Association of Brevard

Notable News



LAB needs volunteers for officer positions on the Executive Board for 2011-2010. Before the spring general meeting in 2011, candidates for the offices of Vice President/President Elect and Treasurer must be found.

Please consider volunteering for one of the available positions next year!

Looking Ahead...



Contact members of the LAB Executive Board with your ideas, requests, comments or concerns at www.lib.fit.edu/lab

Continuing Education Workshop



Thursday, October 28th
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Augmented Reality

featuring

Kellie Gerson,
Florida Tech, Evans Library

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A presentation about the
Florida Library Association

featuring

Wendy Breeden,
Lake County Library System

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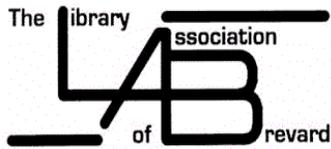
Florida Institute of Technology
Evans Library, Bldg. 428
150 University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 674-8086

Directions:

From I-95, take exit 180 (formerly exit 71) which is U.S. 192, east (approximately five miles) to Babcock Street; turn south (right) onto Babcock Street; continue (approximately one-half mile) past Melbourne Avenue (traffic light) and Southgate Boulevard (traffic light) to the parking lot located just south and west (right side) of Southgate Boulevard.

Space is limited so register early!

Refreshments will be served!



c/o Richard Shea, President
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Melbourne, FL 32901

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